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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

It's hard to think about game changers in the 21st century without realizing the power and potential of broadband, particularly wireless broadband connectivity and adoption.

Uniquely tailored to meet the needs of lives on the go, mobile broadband allows greater connectivity and a more personalized Internet experience. The benefits of wireless connectivity are especially valuable to members of Hispanic communities who are not only among the highest adopters of wireless technology, but are also increasingly positioned to benefit from the array of educational, healthcare and economic development opportunities made possible by mobile broadband.

LISTA's mission is to empower Latino technological and scientific engagement, broaden awareness of the impact Latinos are currently having on these sectors, and concurrently representing their overall interest within the digital information age. As such, we believe that this acquisition will significantly advance our mission, and will bring us one step closer to President Obama's goal to bring 4G broadband access across the nation.

It is for these reasons that LISTA stands firmly in its support of the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger. Once closed, this deal will make robust, high speed 4G LTE networks more accessible and affordable.

Mobile broadband is a game changer in our communities, and we believe this merger holds in store a wealth of new opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jose Marquez
National President and CEO
Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association (LISTA)